

RECOGNIZING THE INDUCTION OF
LIEUTENANT COLONEL FRED H.
CARLEY INTO THE MOBILE, AL,
HALL OF FAME

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 13, 2006

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, it is a great honor for me to rise today to extend my congratulations to LTC Fred H. Carley for his induction into the Mobile Alabama Hall of Fame. As a resident in my district, Mr. Carley has left a great and lasting impact on North-west Florida and Southeastern Alabama.

Fred Carley has always served as an active member in his community, be it encouraging young people through physical fitness and activities or proudly serving his country as an officer in the Air Force. A native of the Fowl River community in south Mobile County, AL, Fred Carley earned three degrees during his two active military tours at Auburn University, where he excelled in athletics, the arts, and academics.

During his professional career as an engineer, he still found time to coach both the Murphy High School and University of South Alabama track and cross-country teams, which went on to win many awards. Since his transfer to Eglin Air Force Base in 1969, Fred Carley has contributed to the fitness and well-being of countless young athletes in Northwest Florida, often leading them to national records and championships. He has also served as a member of the Senior Bowl Committee, SEAAU chairman of athletics, and president of the Air Force Engineering Association.

Lieutenant Colonel Carley has received many awards for his achievements. He was honored with the Presidential Physical Fitness Leadership Award, selected as 1 of 12 in the Nation, in 1964. He was also elected to the U.S. Military Packaging Hall of Fame for his work with the Department of Defense.

Mr. Speaker, the dedication that Frank Carley has shown to his students, community, and country is immeasurable. His service as a coach, mentor, U.S. Air Force officer, and engineer has benefited so many in Florida's First District and its surrounding areas for over 50 years. I congratulate LTC Frank Carley for his induction into the Mobile Alabama Hall of Fame and wish to thank him on behalf of the United States Congress for serving as a strong role model for generations to come.

TRIBUTE TO DONNIE IRIS

HON. MELISSA A. HART

OF PENNSYLVANIA

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Ms. HART. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize Donnie Iris, an entertainer who hails from my district, Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania.

Donnie Iris, a singer, first learned how to sing from his mother. In 1970, as a member of the Jaggerz, he earned a gold record for writing and singing the song "The Rapper". He then formed "Donnie Iris and the Cruisers" with his friend Mark Avsec. The band had the hit song "My Girl" and began to tour non-stop in 1980.

In August 2004, the band celebrated their 25th anniversary. This past May they released the album "Ellwood City". The title track "Ellwood City" is reminiscent of Iris's childhood growing up in the area. On Saturday, June 17, 2006 Armstrong cable is hosting an event honoring the musical achievements of Donnie Iris at the Folino Entertainment Stage in Ewing Park.

I ask my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in recognizing Donnie Iris and all of his musical and entertainment accomplishments. It is an honor to represent the Fourth Congressional District of Pennsylvania.

CONGRATULATING THE GREATER HAZLETON CAN-DO ON ITS 50TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KANJORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask you and my esteemed colleagues in the House of Representatives to pay tribute to the Greater Hazleton CAN-DO organization on the occasion of its 50th anniversary.

In 1956, when the deep anthracite coal mines were closing and regional unemployment reached 30 percent, Dr. Edgar Dessen, a local radiologist, formed a new committee to investigate how best to go about economic development.

Realizing that they would need funds to pursue their objectives, they began collecting dimes solicited from the regional citizenry. The unusual fundraiser netted about \$14,000, enough to buy more than 800 acres of land that became the Valmont Industrial Park. Eventually, it would grow into a 4,000-acre industrial corridor that would need major investment for infrastructure.

Dr. Dessen set a goal of \$500,000 to be raised in three weeks. A local banker told him "You can't do that!" But, he replied, "Yes, we can do." Thus was born the CAN-DO organization, an acronym that preceded the title which later was proclaimed to be the "Community Area New Development Organization."

Indeed, in that first major fundraiser, CAN-DO did not raise \$500,000; it raised \$740,000. Two more fund drives followed. One yielded \$830,000, while the second raised \$710,000.

The Valmont Industrial Park development was so successful that CAN-DO eventually acquired 1,150 more acres of land and created the Humboldt Industrial Park nearby.

Over the years, CAN-DO has been responsible for the development of over 3,500 acres for economic development, created 20,000 new jobs, increased the area's payroll by \$240 million, leveraged private investment of more than \$1.5 billion, and increased the local tax base by 20 percent.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating the CAN-DO organization on this auspicious occasion. Those associated with CAN-DO over the past 50 years have made significant contributions to the quality of life in the greater Hazleton area and, for that, we should all be grateful.

TRIBUTE TO JEWISH AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

HON. DEBBIE WASSERMAN SCHULTZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 13, 2006

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to reflect on the inaugural Jewish American Heritage Month, which was celebrated across the country throughout the month of May. With the history of racial intolerance our country has witnessed, I believe we must remain steadfast in providing future generations opportunities to learn about the varied faiths and cultures that make this country so great.

I am especially pleased that my colleague Congressman JOE BACA hosted a Special Order condemning hate crimes and racial intolerance. We must fight intolerance and stop the spread of hate-inspired acts and images, and I thank Congressman BACA for leading this important discussion.

Mr. Speaker, we have seen how the national observance of Black History Month and Hispanic Heritage Month have brought, through education, greater awareness of the African American and Hispanic communities' contributions to our country. This past May, the many accomplishments of American Jews were recognized by the proclamation of Jewish American Heritage Month, issued by President Bush.

When the Jewish community in Miami approached me with the idea to help designate a month to honor the contributions of American Jews, I realized the potential impact of this endeavor. It is my hope that Jewish American Heritage Month will make a difference in the fight against anti-Semitism.

To those who would teach hate to their children, it might surprise them to learn that a Jewish man, Haym Salomon, was one of the largest financiers of the American Revolutionary War. To those who would paint graffiti on Jewish buildings, they should know that they have benefited from advances in medicine, trends in popular culture, and technological inventions, all developed by many famous and not-so-famous American Jews.

Fortunately, we have leaders in government, the business community, law enforcement, and education who work to eliminate hateful words and actions and encourage acceptance and sensitivity to diversity.

I am grateful to my colleagues who recognized the benefits that Jewish American Heritage Month would bring to the country, and I thank them for their unanimous support.

Mr. Speaker, thank you for your support and commitment. Throughout the process, you were an instrumental and invaluable advocate.

Leader PELOSI, Whip HOYER, and Congressman WAXMAN, thank you for your leadership and guidance.

And I'd especially like to thank Chairman HENRY HYDE—who was the lead Republican cosponsor of the House resolution.

Chairman HYDE helped immensely with spreading awareness of this resolution to our colleagues and the White House. I'd also like to acknowledge and thank Senator ARLEN SPECTER who introduced and worked to pass identical legislation in the Senate. And once again, I would like to thank my colleagues, who unanimously passed the resolution.